

# Bass Tribute

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You gotta have somethin' on the bottom if you want have a band  
Gotta have a strong foundation if you gonna make a stand  
The bass is the center solid as a rock

When you're body starts moving you know you just can't stop  
It's played with the soul not just with the hands  
By the best bassplayers in the land

When the bass starts thumpin' sho' 'nuff hits the spot  
And I hope it never stops

Stanley Clarke, I tip my hat to you  
Jaco Pastorius, you know I love you too  
Larry Graham, thank you for all you do

Thumpin' just thumpin' on the bass, just thumpin' on the bass  
Auh yeah, I'm just thumpin' on the bass

Bass players used to be the one standin' in the back  
When Jaco played, "Donna Lee", it sho' changed that  
When I first saw Stanley Clarke, my jaw hit the floor  
Auh, Bootsy Collins playin' sex machine baby, just give me some mo'

Larry Graham, thank you man, for play that thumb  
Louis Johnson and Marcus Miller, you gotta give them some  
Anthony Jackson, Paul McCartney, Chunk Rainey, Willie Weeks  
I wanna thank you all for makin' a speak

Bootsy Collins, I tip my hat to you  
Marcus Miller, you know I love you too  
James Jamerson, thank you for all you do

Thumpin' just thumpin' on the bass, just thumpin' on the bass  
Auh yeah, I'm just thumpin' on the bass

The bass, the bottom, low down funky nasty  
How low can you go, bassline, the bassment? Oh yeah

What would Stanley say if he were here today?  
What would Jaco say if he were here today?  
What would Larry say if he were here today?  
What would Bootsy say if he were here today?

What would Marcus say if he were here today?  
What would Rocco say if he were here today?  
Anthony Jackson, Willie Weeks  
Ray Brown, Robert Wilson

Stanley Clarke, I tip my hat to you  
Jaco Pastorius, you know I love you too  
Larry Graham, thank you for all you do  
Everyone, I owe it all to you

And to all the other masters of the low-end  
Thanks for doin' what you do  
We love you and we haven't forgotten  
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